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TO: VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL BLACK SEA BASS INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: POSSESSION AND LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION OF VIRGINIA'S 2019  
BLACK SEA BASS BYCATCH FISHERY

It is projected that 75% of the Virginia commercial black sea bass bycatch fishery quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid Virginia black sea bass bycatch permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land in Virginia more than 100 pounds of black sea bass as bycatch in addition to the North Carolina legal landing limit or trip limit, effective Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 6:00 P.M Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**Therefore, after Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., vessels holding a 2019 Virginia Black Sea Bass Bycatch Permit will be limited to possessing aboard a vessel or landing in Virginia no more than 100 pounds of black sea bass as bycatch in addition to the North Carolina legal landing limit or trip limit.**

When it is projected that the commercial black sea bass bycatch landings quota will be met, the Marine Resources Commission will provide notice of the closing date for commercial harvest and landings of black sea bass by vessels holding a Virginia Black Sea Bass Bycatch Permit.

A copy of the regulation in its entirety can be viewed at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr950.shtm>

If you have questions or comments contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243 or [jill.ramsey@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:jill.ramsey@mrc.virginia.gov).

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